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Use of Attorneys: [REDACTED]

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 18 August 1952 on the above subject. Your interest in the panel of attorneys and your suggestion for the use of Agency employees who are attorneys is appreciated.

2. There are a number of factors which make it difficult to use Agency employees in their off-hours for the outside legal needs of the Agency. Outside legal services are secured in order not to divulge the interest of the Agency in the subject matter. The use of Agency employees would defeat this purpose. Also, Agency employees are not in a position to perform the services desired as well as a practicing attorney who has the facilities of his own legal office and is in daily touch with the specific type of legal problem involved and with the courts and other members of the profession. Most legal work is done during regular office hours, which are substantially the same as Government office hours. There is the further problem of avoiding conflict with the dual compensation laws if Agency employees are paid additional compensation for legal services in connection with Agency business. For these and other reasons, it has not been possible to utilize the legal services of members of this office or other offices of the Agency during their off-hours.

3. It is possible that cases may arise where the use of attorneys in the Agency will be feasible. In such event, it will be a distinct advantage that they have already been cleared by Security, as you state.

4. We appreciate suggestions to improve the panel of attorneys.

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